

(Washington, D.C.) Congressman Ryan released the following statement about Nancy Pelosi's attempt to block President Bush's "Fast Track" authority on the Columbia free-trade agreement.

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"Speaker Pelosi has identified the Columbia Free Trade Agreement as a flawed agreement which would further hurt America's working families," said Congressman Ryan. "Speaker Pelosi has shown extraordinary leadership and the courage of her convictions by not allowing the President to bully Congress into yet another disaster of a trade bill."

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Added Ryan, "Speaker Pelosi's commitment to go to bat for America's working families makes me proud to serve in this body. We are lucky to have such a strong ally in her, and I will help fight this bill until the very end."